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For: COLORATION WITH PEARLY LUSTER PIGMENTS IN THE FOOD AND  
PHARMACEUTICAL SECTORS

**REQUEST FOR COMPLETE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

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Respectfully submitted,

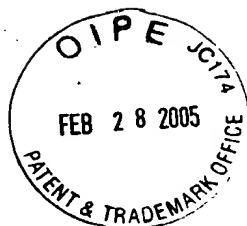
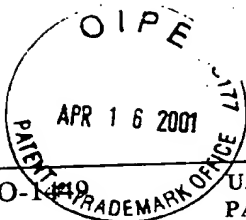
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